

I'm park Ranger Andy Pearson of the National Park Service and I want to welcome you to the May podcast of the Ranger News Network for Massachusetts area National Parks. Here's what's happening at the parks.

-At Springfield Armory National Historic Site,

Continuing in May through Mid-June, view the "100 Faces of War Experience Exhibit", with Portraits and words of Americans who served in Iraq & Afghanistan. Portraits, painted by Amherst artist Matt Mitchell, will be on display at the park. Contact the park for more information on hours and times.

- At Minute Man National Historical Park attention continues around Patriots Day activities.

There are a series of special events happening at the park during the month of May. From black patriots to a concert by the Air Force Band of Liberty, there are numerous happenings listed on the web site. On May 1st, the park's North Bridge Visitor Center will be closed for tree work by the Massachusetts Arborist Association.

-Down at Cape Cod National Seashore,

The park's spring series of family oriented nature programs continues. All the programs are free and most begin at 2pm. To see a complete list of programs you can visit their web site at www.nps.gov/caco, or call the park's Salt Pond Visitor Center at 508 255 3421 ext. 0

At New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, in New Bedford

AHA continues. This free series of programs takes place at the parks visitor center in downtown New Bedford every 2nd Thursday of the month beginning at 5:00pm. For more information you can call (508) 998-8253 ext 205

-Up at Lowell National Historical Park

Doors Open Lowell, the international celebration of Architecture, returns for its 8th year. As part of the celebration of National Preservation Month, Doors Open Lowell provides an insider's look into over 30 of the city's restored buildings with many extras along the way, including a gathering of the Park's trolleys on Saturday. This free event begins on Thursday evening, May 14, continues to Sunday, May 17th. For more information, visit doorsopenlowell.org

"At Home. With You" Continues. This exhibit shows how the Visiting Nurses Association of Greater Lowell has been "at home" in Lowell for 100 years, how the agency brings health care to patients in their own homes, and how local clinicians have "found a home" at the VNA for their health care careers. The exhibit continues through September and is free to all.

-At Boston National Historical Park

Commemorative and Patriotic Exercises on the 234th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill Sunday May 17th are scheduled from 10-1:30am. This free event takes place at the Bunker Hill Monument. Visit the park's web site for more information.

Many parks are adjusting their schedules for the spring. If you would like more information on any of the above programs and events or are interested in visiting any of the Massachusetts National Parks, please visit our web site at

www.nps.gov/state/ma

This is ranger Andy Pearson for the ranger News Network., thanks for joining me.